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SUBJ: GOI REACTION TO NEUTRON BOMB REPORT

1. ANSWERING A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION IN WHICH HE WAS ASKED ABOUT INDIAN REACTION TO REPORTS THAT THE US WAS PRODUCING A NEW MISSILE WARHEAD "DESIGNED TO KILL PEOPLE RATHER THAN TO DESTROY MILITARY INSTALLATIONS THROUGH HEAT AND BLASTING POWER", FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE JULY 7 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE GOI HAD SEEN THESE REPORTS AND SAID THAT "AS THE NEW WEAPON WOULD BE A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION, THE GOI WOULD BE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO IT IN KEEPING WITH ITS CONSISTENT POLICY OF FIRM OPPOSITION TO ALL CATEGORIES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION." RESPONDING TO ANOTHER QUERY, VAJPAYEE SAID THAT SINCE THE REPORTS ABOUT THE NEW MISSILE ARE UNCONFIRMED AND ALSO BECAUSE IT IS NOT A BILATERAL MATTER, THE QUESTION OF THE GOI PROTESTING DOES NOT ARISE. HE ADDED THAT "NEVERTHELESS, THE GOI WILL NOT HESITATE TO EXPRESS ITS FIRM OPPOSITION TO THIS NEW CATEGORY OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION."
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TION IN THE APPROPRIATE FORUMS AT THE SUITABLE TIME."

2. COMMENT. REPORTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEUTRON WARHEAD ARE RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY HERE. THEY SEEM LIKELY TO DISSIPATE THE CREDIT THE USG RECENTLY GAINED IN INDIA FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION AGAINST PROCEEDING WITH THE B-1 BOMBER.

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